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NEWS RELEASE

Many state tax refunds delayed by simple yet common errors

Many people who file tax returns get their refunds delayed by simple, avoidable errors, the State Tax Commission said today.

"Refund returns that have errors must be reviewed separately and are therefore delayed while the errors are corrected, which sometimes involves contacting the taxpayer." Tax Commission spokesperson Jodi Monaco said.

The most common mistakes that delay returns are as simple as forgetting to sign the return, tax calculation errors, forgetting to submit all W-2s claimed in withholding, incorrect Social Security numbers or names that don't match the Social Security number (a reminder to newlyweds) and forgetting to put a code number next to a tax credit claimed. "E-filing via the Internet avoids most of those errors, speeding up the entire process to a matter of just over a week on average. With direct deposit as an option, we even get the refund deposited right into your bank account while most paper filers are still watching their mailboxes." Monaco added.

To check on the status of a state tax refund, call (801) 297-2200 or toll-free 1-800-662-4335. An automated telephone system will tell you if your return has been received, whether a check has been issued, or whether the refund has been delayed due to an error on your return.

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